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MEMORANDUM FOR Assistant to the President for National
Security Affairs
Deputy Secretary of Defense
Under Secretary of State (Political Affairs)
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
Director of Central Intelligence
Executive Secretary, 40 Committee

SUBJECT: May Forecast and Highlights of NRP Satellite
and Aircraft Activities over Past 30 Days

Attached is the National Reconnaissance Program
forecast of overflight activities for the month of May
1974, and highlight information for the past 30 days
on previously approved overflight activities.

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Attachment

NRO review(s)
completed.

Approval
40 Committee Principal

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FORECAST OF NRP SATELLITE ACTIVITIES FOR MAY 1974

| <u>PROJECT</u> | <u>ANTICIPATED LAUNCH DATE</u> | <u>MISSION TYPE</u> | <u>AREA</u> |
|----------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| NONE | | | |

HIGHLIGHTS OF NRP SATELLITE ACTIVITIES DURING PERIOD 16 MAR - 15 APR 1974

| <u>PROJECT</u> | <u>DATE LAUNCHED</u> | <u>MISSION TYPE</u> | <u>REMARKS</u> |
|----------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| [REDACTED] | | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] |

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FORECAST OF IDEALIST/TACKLE AIRCRAFT ACTIVITIES FOR MAY 1974

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| <u>NUMBER OF MISSIONS</u> | <u>VEHICLE</u> | <u>TYPE</u> | <u>COUNTRY</u> |
|-------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 4 Peripheral | U-2R | Photo/SIGINT | China/S. China Coasts |
| 4 Peripheral | U-2R | SIGINT [REDACTED] | China/S. China Coasts |

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NOTE: The eight peripheral missions will be flown against valid USIB requirements, and will be conducted in accordance with the restrictions set forth by higher authority on 5 August 1971 (to remain at least 25 NM offshore from the PRC and to avoid overflights of PRC held islands).

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| <u>MISSION NUMBER</u> | <u>DATE FLOWN</u> | <u>REMARKS</u> |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|---|
| C-124-C | 11 Apr 74 | The mission was routine. Five other missions were alerted but were cancelled because of weather (2), or at the request of the <input type="checkbox"/> (3). |

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FORECAST OF OLYMPIC FIRE AIRCRAFT ACTIVITIES FOR MAY 1974

| <u>NUMBER OF MISSIONS</u> | <u>VEHICLE</u> | <u>TYPE</u> | <u>COUNTRY</u> |
|-------------------------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|
| 4 Overflights | U-2R | Photo | Cuba |

NOTE: Estimate one/two sorties, depending on the weather, will be required to satisfy currently valid USIB requirements. The remaining sorties are requested for use against other extraordinary/quick-reaction requirements that may occur during the month.

OLYMPIC FIRE CUBAN HIGHLIGHTS 13 MAR - 12 APR 1974

| <u>MISSION NUMBER</u> | <u>DATE FLOWN</u> | <u>REMARKS</u> |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|---|
| EA-036 | 14 Mar 74 | 1. The 14 March mission photography recorded TU-95/BEAR, TU-114/CLEAT and AN-22/COCK aircraft at Jose Marti airport near Havana. The mission aborted over Guantanamo Bay, however, after a loss of the Guantanamo radar. The sortie flown on 21 March was recalled and returned safely when COMINT indicated that a MIG-21 was flying at 50,000 feet at MACH 1.44 and within 5.4 NM of a target which could have been the U-2. Heavy weather conditions in the area prevented RADINT verification. The sortie |
| EA-041 | 21 Mar 74 | |
| EA-043 | 29 Mar 74 | |

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of 29 March was recalled when there were indications of a MIG-21 attempting to intercept a high altitude target southeast of Havana. The target was not revealed, but a tracking indicates that the MIG-21 was at no time close enough to the U-2 to obtain a lock-on or visual sighting. No hostile intent was actually displayed against either mission.

2. Currently the USIB requirement for 90% of Cuba to be photographed quarterly showed 93.0% of the area covered. By 1 June 1974, however, if no missions are flown between now and the end of May, the quarterly requirement will drop to 50.5%. The [REDACTED] mis-

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FORECAST OF MIDDLE EAST AIRCRAFT ACTIVITIES FOR MAY 1974

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| <u>NUMBER OF MISSIONS</u> | <u>PROGRAM</u> | <u>VEHICLE</u> | <u>TYPE</u> | <u>COUNTRY</u> |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|
| ---- | BUSY PILOT | SR-71 | Photo | Middle East |
| 25X1A | [REDACTED] | U-2R | Photo | Middle East |

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MIDDLE EAST AIRCRAFT HIGHLIGHTS 16 MAR - 15 APR 1974

| <u>PROGRAM</u> | <u>VEHICLE</u> | <u>DATE FLOWN</u> | <u>REMARKS</u> |
|----------------|----------------|-------------------|---|
| BUSY PILOT | SR-71 | 6 Apr 74 | The mission which covered both the Suez and [REDACTED] areas was accomplished without incident. |

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